

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-23 and 25- 31 are pending.

The Office Action objects to the specification and abstract because of informalities. It is submitted that the informalities are overcome by the amendments. Withdrawal of the objections is requested.

The Office Action objects to the drawings indicating that reference numerals 3 and 4 are not shown in the figures. However, reference numerals 3 and 4 are illustrated in Fig. 33. For clarity, the specification has been amended at page 17 to indicate that elements 3 and 4 are shown in Fig. 33. Also, Fig. 16 is amended to correct an informality.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-31 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. The claims have been amended, and it is submitted that the amendments obviate this rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 5-8, 23 and 31 under 35 USC 102 over Rigsby '052, and indicates that claims 2-4, 9-22 and 24-30 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, and to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Because the features of claim 2 have been incorporated into claim 1, the features of claim 1 have been incorporated into claims 3 and 9, the features of claim 23 have been incorporated into claim 24, and the features of claim 9 have been incorporated into claim 33, it is submitted that the rejection should be withdrawn and all claims are in condition for allowance.

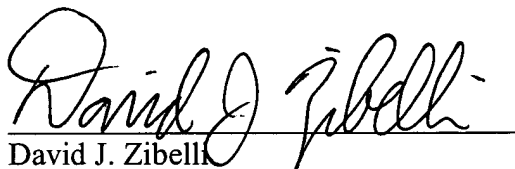
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presently written are allowable and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit of any overpayment to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Request For Approval of Drawing Corrections

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Figure 16 per the attached request for Approval of Drawing Corrections.